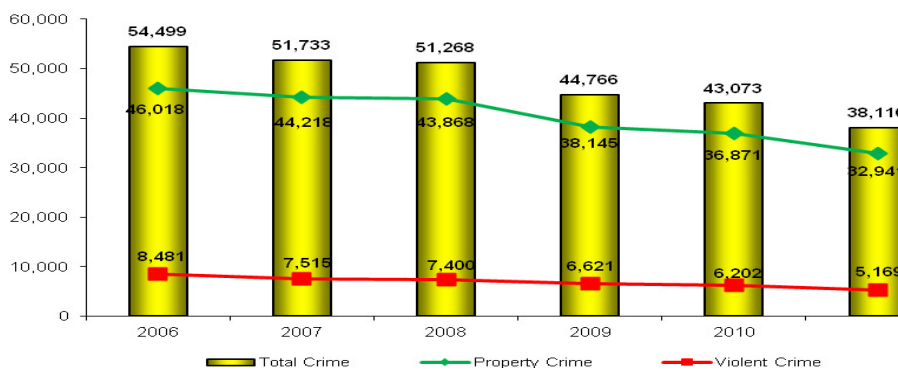


## Prince George's County

### Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the county. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Prince George's County has seen a significant 30.1% reduction in total crime, a 39.1% reduction in violent crime and a 28.6% reduction in property crime. In addition, the county has experienced significant reductions in homicides (-26.9%), rapes (-36.2%), robberies (-37.8%), aggravated assaults (-40.9%), larceny/thefts (-23.5%), and motor vehicle thefts (-54.1%).

Prince George's County Crime Trends 2006 - 2011



### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Prince George's County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention provided is currently funding 53 grants in Prince George's County totaling \$3,459,349. As a result, Prince George's County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Collateral Offender Unit** - The Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office Collateral Offender Unit provides prosecution support that targets all VOPs, ensuring that they are litigated in a timely manner and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. This program furthers collaborative efforts to reduce victimization and identify/target crime trends.
- **Strategic Investigation Unit** - The Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office seeks to reduce violent crime by implementing a non-traditional prosecution method: forming a unit of prosecutors that focus on offenders with a high propensity for committing future violent crimes. This unit partners with local law enforcement to identify, investigate, prosecute, and remove the small number of violent, repeat offenders that commit a disproportionate number of violent crimes in the county.
- **Alternative Sentencing** - The Prince George's County Alternative Sentencing program provides alternatives to incarceration and/or fines for non-violent offenders and meets many community organization's labor needs. Staff members coordinate work assignments and supervise non-violent offenders who have received community service as a pre-trial diversion or a post trial sanction. They use software to track past participants, review recidivism patterns, and develop programs to meet client need and further reduce recidivism. The program matches participants with employees, reduces jail overcrowding, and allows defendants to maintain employment while serving in the community.

#### Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Gang Prevention
- Collateral Offender Unit
- Strategic Investigation Unit
- Maryland Community Services Locator
- Victim Services
- Law Enforcement Technology
- Forensic Enhancement
- Alternative Sentencing
- Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services
- Domestic Violence Hospital Programs
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Gun-Related Crime Reduction
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Safe Passage Emergency Shelter

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#### **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:**

- **CompStat in Maryland** – In its 4<sup>th</sup> year, The University of Maryland's CompStat program further supports the implementation and institutionalization of CompStat in Maryland. The program involves tailored assessments, training, and technical assistance. Onsite training is also provided to any law enforcement agency that is committed to implementing or improving CompStat.
- **Maryland Community Services Locator** – The University of Maryland also provides a Community Services Locator which links law enforcement to drug education, intelligence on current trends, and services for the offenders they supervise. This database allows first responders to better allocate law enforcement resources, better understand the offenders they supervise, and link offenders to needed services.
- **Gun-Related Crime Reduction** – The Prince George's County Police Department receives overtime funds to increase efforts in hot spot areas identified through criminal intelligence gathering and analysis. Officers are involved in suppression activities which includes a focus on combating and preventing firearms related crime and ensuring the prosecution of these cases.
- **Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services** – The Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County provides temporary housing, group counseling, case management, life skills workshops, employment training, and referrals to services for domestic violence victims in the county. The Center also receives funds to conduct lethality assessments to ensure that high risk domestic violence victims are receiving the proper services.

Prince George's County General Hospital provides 24/7 crisis intervention, counseling and referral services for domestic violence victims who come to the hospital for treatment. In addition, the hospital provides safety planning, shelter referrals, legal options, and photographic documentation to these victims in a safe and secure environment. The hospital also provides these same services to victims of sexual assault.

The Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office employs a Domestic Violence Coordinator who provides outreach to victims prior to court. A Domestic Violence Prosecutor is also funded who ensures that these cases are successfully prosecuted.



“Law enforcement efforts in Prince George's County have successfully focused on violent crimes, concentrating resources in those areas where they are most needed. The result has been significant decreases in violent crime, and increased safety and security for county residents. These efforts have been undertaken in partnership with local municipalities, neighboring jurisdictions, and the state.”

Governor Martin  
O'Malley